

## Blessing and Praise

The Bible contains numerous blessings from God and praises to God. These summary statements of blessing and praise are full of rich theological truths for your edification and nourishment. In *Blessing and Praise*, Dr. H.B. Charles Jr. draws out these truths in short expositions of some of the most instructive benedictions and doxologies in Scripture. Surveying the content of each pronouncement of blessing and praise, he explains how they ought to affect our worship and daily walk with God.

### **Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

God is willing to hear and ABLE to answer our prayers

Purpose of prayer is to glorify GOD

God able to answer our biggest request.

### **Psalms 50:15 (ESV)**

and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

**Jeremiah 32:17 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> ‘Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

**Jeremiah 32:27 (ESV)**

<sup>27</sup> “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?”

**Luke 1:37 (ESV)**

<sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.”

**Luke 18:25-27 (ESV)**

<sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

**2 Corinthians 9:8 (ESV)**

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

**Jude 1:24 (ESV)**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

**Acts 20:32 (ESV)**

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

**Matthew 7:7 (ESV)**

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

**Psalm 37:4 (ESV)**

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**Psalm 115:1 (ESV)**

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

**John 12:27-28 (ESV)**

<sup>27</sup> “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.  
<sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

**2 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV)**

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.